

# The Communicator

*Navajo County's Employee Newsletter*

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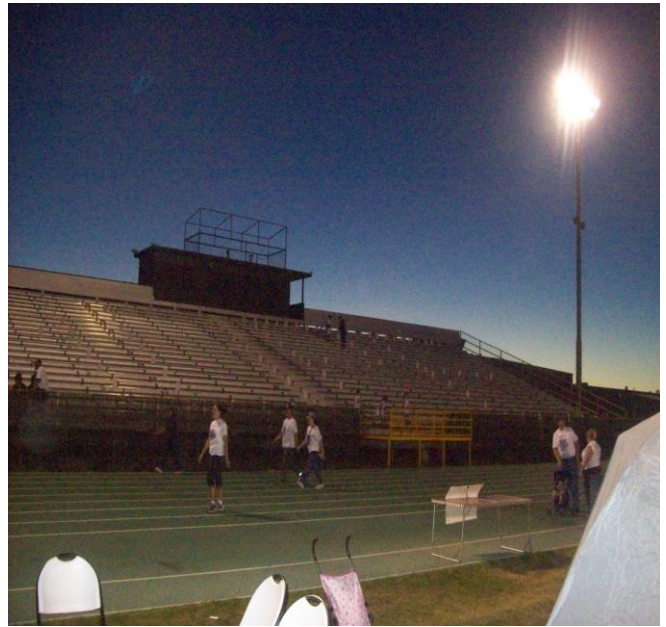
**July 5, 2010**

## **County Employees Walk in American Cancer Society's "Relay For Life"**

The Navajo County / Holbrook Elks - Fighting and Walking for a Cure Team raised \$490 at the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life". The Relay received more than \$35,000 to help find a cure for cancer. Over 350 people, comprising 22 teams, of all ages participated by walking for 12 hours in what was a great event. The Navajo County Employees who walked were: Cindy Allen (Team Captain), Michelle Dahl, Lou Tobin, and Anna Erickson. A special "Thank You" to all those people who contributed to the team in the effort to find a cure for cancer. Begin planning now to participate in next year's event! (see photos at right)

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*American Cancer Society's "Relay For Life"*



*Navajo County / Holbrook Elks - Fighting and Walking for a Cure Team.*

## **Birthday Reminders**

July 3 – Thomas Wing (Superior Court)

July 4 – Edward Montoya (Juv. Detention), Sharon Wheelock (Public Works)

July 5 – Daren Carlson (Juv. Detention)

July 6 – Donna Stubblefield (Health Dist.)

July 7 – Randall Sullivan (Juv. Detention)

July 8 – Rene Fuentes (Clerk of the Sup. Court), Delmar Johnson (Juv. Detention), Robert La Pointe (County Attorney), Billie Miller (Clerk of the Court)

July 9 – Allen Daves Jr. (Superior Court), Yvonne Hunt (Snowflake Justice Court), Randall Whipple (Public Works)

July 10 – William Allan Jr. (Fac. Management), Dara Davis (Jail Operations)

July 11 – Doris Hernandez (Public Works)

July 12 – Paul Hancock (Adult Probation)

July 13 – Rachel Lefevre (Library Dist.), Cheryl Powell (Sheriff), Melissa Teigh (Sheriff), Christopher Young (Jail Operations)

July 14 – Joshua Stump (Jail Operations)

July 15 – Jessica Evaro (Winslow Justice Court), Salvador Hernandez III (Juv. Detention), Alysia Heward (Superior Court), Leah Thomas (Superior Court)

July 16 – Scot Martin Jr. (Sheriff)

July 17 – Leann Baker (Fac. Management)

July 19 – Kelley Dowdle (Show Low Justice Court), Darlene Fraley (Assessor)

July 20 – Genevieve Nez (Juv. Probation), Catrina Roe (Admin.)

July 21 – Judy Bratcher (W.I.A.)

July 22 – Lea Land (Jail Operations), Joshua Reizer (Jail Operations)

July 24 – Leonard Brown (Public Defender), Christina Smith (Public Defender)

## **Birthday Reminders**

July 25 – Scott Jamar (Juv. Probation), Evelyn Marez (County Attorney)

July 26 – Alison Kolomitz (Winslow Justice Court),

July 27 – Ivan Johnson (Fac. Management), Regina Muha (Legal Defender)

July 28 – John Poulsen (I.T.)

July 29 – Jonathan Apirion (County Attorney), Gail DeCross (County Attorney), Robert Donfeld (Superior Court), Vickie Shirley (Clerk of the Sup. Court), John Zimmerman (Health Dist.)

July 30 – Bobbi Ortega (Superior Court), Jackie Walker (Sheriff), Carol Walton (Adult Probation)

July 31 – Kirk Grugel (Superior Court), Isaura Nez (Elections), Ryan Reinhold (Pinetop Constable), Mark Reynolds (Jail Operations), Regina Rose (Juv. Probation)





## **Local Foster Families Gather for Fun in the Sun**

Friends of Navajo County CASA, Inc., recently hosted a family fun day for 180 family and children in foster care. The event was at Fools Hollow Lake Recreation Area.

Friends of CASA raises funds for the unmet needs of children in foster care. An incorporated non-profit agency, it has been meeting the needs of foster children in Navajo County for more than a decade. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) are volunteers who speak to the "best interest" of children that have been abused or neglected and are removed from their home for their safety.

Event planners included Shelley Douglas, Karen Harris and Kirk Grugel. The Friends of CASA board members and spouses rallied to grill hotdogs for all the participants at Fool Hollow Lake. Homemade desserts, fruit, chips and salad rounded out the menu. Games for the children, lake swimming and fishing, cotton candy, snow cones, face painting and a jumping castle were available for all the kids. A drawing awarded fishing poles to 25 lucky kids. White Mountain Civil Air Patrol provided lake shore patrol to protect the youngsters and families.

"I believe these events are so important because we are able to see these kids having fun, but also to see the interactions with the placements, Child Protective Services (CPS) staff and others," said CASA of Navajo County Director Kirk Grugel. "This is one way we get to feel good about the work we do. It is all very moving for me."

Additional funding and assistance came from CPS, HRT and Families First. (see photo at right)

## **Health Tip**

The single best way to prevent seasonal flu is to get vaccinated each year, but good health habits like covering your cough and washing your hands often can help stop the spread of germs and prevent respiratory illnesses like the flu. There also are flu antiviral drugs that can be used to treat and prevent the flu.



*Pictured, from left, Loretta Montono, Tracy Crisp, Kirk Grugel and Amiee Comstock from CPS Winslow kept cotton candy flowing all afternoon.*

# County Smile

B.Z. Toons

by Brian Zaikowski



## TradeZone

- Seriously Cute Kittens who love to cuddle, need a home! Contact Mariclare Hannah ext. 4240 or at home (928) 457-0109.
- Washer and Dryer for Sale! Good Condition. Asking \$150 for Washer and \$75 for Dryer. Contact Christie Heward (Assessor) ext. 4092.
- Female German Shepherd puppy free to good home. This cute, chunky puppy is a rescue so I don't know too much about her. She appears to be about 8 weeks old and in good health. Pictures available upon request. Please give this little girl a forever home. Large kennel available for loan if you adopt her. Contact Pam Phillips at ext. 4394.
- Racquetball players Wanted! Looking for racquetball players to play during lunch at the Holbrook Complex. Contact Fac. Management ext. 4125.

## Do You Know?

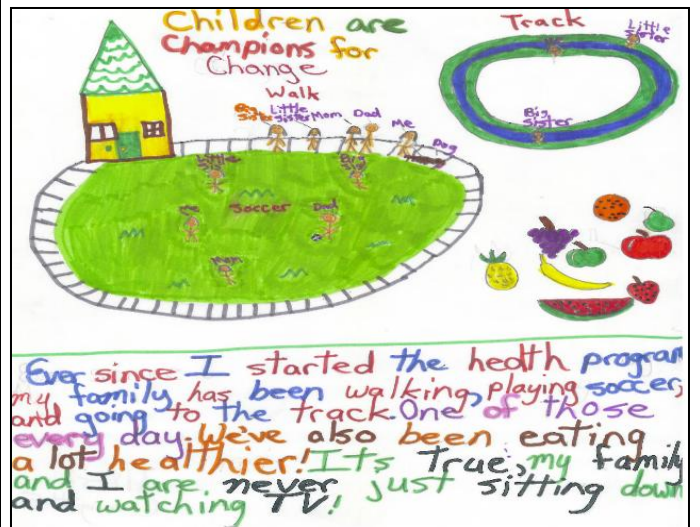
Congratulations to Manny Hernandez (Treasurer) for being the first to email the correct response (Winslow) to last month's trivia question. This month's question is found below.

- ❖ Which Navajo County community was once known as Percheron and boasts the only covered bridge in the state of Arizona?

Send your response to:  
johnathan.roes@navajocountyaz.gov

## **Health Dept. Sponsors “Children are Champions for Change” Poster Contest**

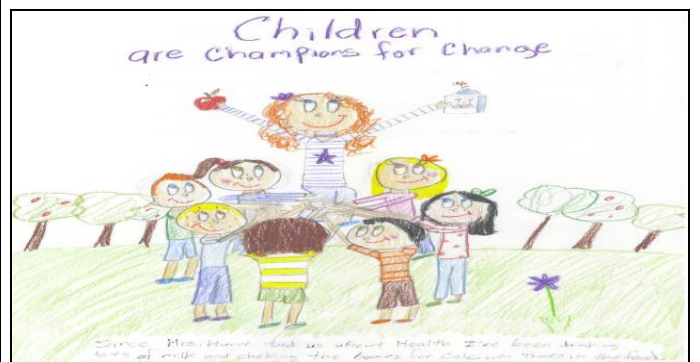
The Health Department had a Children Are Champions for Change Poster Contest for the grade schools in Navajo County. The winners were:  
(continued at right)



1<sup>st</sup> Place – Alyssa Craig from Whipple Ranch Elementary



2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Sienna Franco from Capps Middle School



3<sup>rd</sup> Place - MaKenzie Chidester from Taylor Elementary

Honorary Mentions went to Chirstyn Owens – Taylor Elementary, Hazel McGuffin – Whipple Ranch Elementary, McKenzie Flake – Whipple Ranch Elementary, Keaton Flake – Highland Primary and Julia Ridgley – Concho Elementary.



## **County Upgrades Auto Shops with Car Washes**

Fleet Operations Deputy Director Montana Slack is proud to announce a new service being implemented in Holbrook. With the completion of the wash bay enclosure located at the Holbrook Complex Auto Shop, vehicles coming in for service now leave cleaner than when they came in. The Fleet Auto Shop now has the capability to wash vehicles during the service appointment despite adverse weather conditions.

Depending on the number of vehicles in the shop on any given day, this service may even include interior cleaning and vacuuming. Affectionately dubbed "Katie's Car Wash," the vehicle cleaning is performed by Katie Slack, Waste Tire Site Attendant as part of her assigned shop duties.

We're always looking for ways to improve customer service to live up to the Public Works motto of "Best Customer Service." Cleaning our customers' vehicles while they're in for service is just one more way we try to set the customer service standard.

While this is not generally a self-serve car wash, if you stop by and it's not being used, you can do it yourself after checking in with Fleet staff to receive the proper instructions. If doing it yourself isn't your style, and your County vehicle is in need of a cleaning, contact Fleet Secretary Sharon Wheelock (4256) to see if your car can be worked into the day's schedule.

The South County isn't without a similar facility. The Show Low Road Yard Car and Truck Washes were completed late last year and are open for business as well. This totally self-serve car wash facility boasts an automatic drive-thru car wash, as well as a huge self-service manual truck wash. As part of Fleet Operations' superior customer service drive, we are implementing a new policy of every car and light truck receiving a car wash as part of the vehicle maintenance or repair appointment. Each servicing mechanic is now responsible to personally run those vehicles thru the car wash before releasing it to the department. If it's not clean, it's not finished. All heavy equipment remains the Equipment Operators' responsibility. (continued at right)

The Show Low Road Yard vehicle and equipment washes are open Monday thru Thursday from 6:00 am to 4:30 pm. Sheriff vehicles and other authorized department personnel with gate keys can access the washes 24/7 weather permitting.



Congratulations to Sandra Martinez (Child Support Enforcement) and Mark Oberriter! They were married on June 12th!



Bentley Jose Lerma was born on June 10, 2010 to Jose Lerma (Child Support) and mother Nichole Lazano. Bentley was 6 lbs. 12 oz. and was 19 inches long.

## **Navajo County Honor Guard Formed**

The Navajo County Honor Guard was formed on March 18, 2010. The original members include Deputy Jason Van Aller, Sgt. Lorin Larson, Deputy Garrett Jahns, and Deputy Daniel Deets. The Honor Guard provides honors for our fallen heroes both past and present. We also provide posting of the colors at certain events.

Although the Navajo County Honor Guard is in its beginning stages, we have participated in a number of events since we were formed.

These events include:

- Assisting with the funeral services for Apache County Commander Steven Brown, 03/29/10.
- Greeting our National Guard Troops when they returned home.
- Posting of the colors at the Victim's Rights Symposium.
- Participation in the Arizona State Fallen Officer Memorial.
- Assisting with the cordon for fallen Phoenix Police Officer Travis Murphy's funeral.
- Posted colors for the funeral service of Navajo Code Talker Lemuel Yazzie.

The Navajo County Honor Guard seeks to represent Navajo County with the utmost decorum, and we take great pride in our various duties. While we know it is a privilege to represent Navajo County, we have found that it is costing quite a substantial amount. Any and all donations to our good cause will be greatly appreciated. Contact Chief Deputy Randy Weems concerning donation information.



# 2010 NAVAJO COUNTY UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN KICKOFF

**August 10, 11:00am-1:00pm**  
**Navajo County Complex – Holbrook**

- United Way presentation to the Board of Supervisors – Kerry Blume, President & CEO UWNA and Leslie Meyer, Director of Northeast Chapter. Attend and learn more about United Way!
- Employees and their families are invited to enjoy a delicious lunch!
- Visit each of the Northeast Chapter Partners tables to be eligible for great prizes!

## **DIRECTLY HELP YOUR COMMUNITIES BY:**

- Participating in the food drive by bringing nonperishable food items.
- Donating gently used clothing items, especially winter clothing like jackets.
- Completing a pledge form to donate to the United Way. Those donating will be entered in a raffle for several great prizes. Donation levels include:

Bronze - \$1 per pay period

Silver - \$5 per pay period

Gold - \$10 per pay period

Platinum - \$20 per pay period

***Donate a little time, donate a little money – your United Way contribution is an investment in our communities!!***

Thank you to the Personnel Commission and United Way staff members for their support and assistance with this special event.





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